

What is claimed is:

1. A deflection clip comprising:

a planar base plate comprising a first surface and an opposing second surface;

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a guide depending from the base plate, comprising:

a first arm extending along a longitudinal axis substantially transverse to

the base plate from a proximal end adjacent the second surface; and

a second arm extending away from the base plate oriented in the same

10 direction as the first arm defining a channel interposed laterally

between the arms, wherein a slot is defined in at least one of the arms

along the longitudinal axis.

2. A clip for operatively connecting a first member to a second member in a slip joint, the second member comprising a medial web and one or more outer flanges, the clip comprising:

a base connectable to the first member; and

5 a guide depending from the base comprising opposing arms defining a channel receivingly engaging the second member web in a characteristic operative sliding relationship.

3. The clip of claim 2 wherein the base has a planar first surface and an  
10 opposing second surface, and wherein the guide opposing arms comprise a first arm extending along a longitudinal axis substantially transverse to the base from a proximal end adjacent the second surface, and a second arm extending away from the base oriented in the same direction as the first arm.

15 4. The clip of claim 2 wherein the opposing arms are selectively spatially disposed to operatively engage the second member web with a selected frictional resistance to the operative sliding engagement.

5. The clip of claim 2 wherein the guide defines an opening in at least one of  
20 the arms adapted for admitting a retainer limiting displacement of the guide relative to the second member when an edge of the opening pressingly engages against the retainer.

6. The clip of claim 5 wherein the opening comprises a slotted opening  
25 extending substantially along a longitudinal axis of the second member.

7. The clip of claim 2 wherein the first member comprises a medial web and opposing outer flanges defining a cavity, wherein the base substantially laterally spans the cavity.

8. The clip of claim 7 wherein the base is connectable to the first member web.

5 9. The clip of claim 2 wherein both of the arms are operatively slidingly engageable against the second member web.

10 10. The clip of claim 2 wherein one of the arms is operatively slidingly engageable against the second member web and one of the opposing arms is operatively slidingly engageable against at least one of one of the second member flanges.

11. The clip of claim 2 comprising a unitary construction.

15 12. The clip of claim 2 wherein the base is attached to the first member by a fastener imparting an attachment force acting substantially parallel with the channel.

13. The clip of claim 5 wherein the guide further comprises an indicia indication a nominal position of the retainer.

20 14. The clip of claim 13 wherein the indicia comprises an alignment mark.

15. The clip of claim 13 wherein the indicia comprises a shaker tab.